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1. HERewith FULL TEXT CHARLES MOHR ARTICLE NEW YORK TIMES
SUNDAY, MAY 15 HEADED "VANCE ASSERTS STABILITY DEPENDS ON
GRANTING RIGHTS."

2. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE SAID TODAY THAT THE
STABILITY OF A NATION ULTIMATELY DEPENDED UPON IT GRANTING
HUMAN RIGHTS TO ITS CITIZENS RATHER THAN DENYING THOSE
RIGHTS TO SUPPRESS DISSENT.

3. IN A SPEECH TO THE 24TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL
TREATY ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS CENTO, MR. VANCE SAID THAT
ENCOURAGING HUMAN RIGHTS "IS CENTRAL" TO UNITED STATES
FOREIGN POLICY AND ADDED, "THERE IS A VERY PRACTICAL
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ASPECT TO IT."

4. "EACH COUNTRY'S GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND STABILITY
SOONER OR LATER DEPEND UPON ITS ABILITY MEET THE ASPIRA-
TIONS OF ITS PEOPLE FOR HUMAN RIGHT," HE SAID, "THE SUCCESS
OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN MASTERING THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF RESOURCE LIMITS, POPULATION GROWTH, AND

THE ENVIRONMENT WILL INEVITABLY BE LINKED TO OUR SUCCESS
IN PROMOTING INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY."

5. WHETHER INTENTIONALLY OR NOT, THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS SEEMED TO HAVE A SPECIAL POINT WHEN THEY WERE DELIVERED IN AN ORNATE CONFERENCE HALL IN THE CAPITAL OF THIS ANCIENT MONARCHY. THE SHAH OF IRAN AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED BY SOME IRANIAN EXILES AND BY FOREIGNERS FOR FIRM SUPPRESSION OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND FOR POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

6. HOWEVER, AMERICAN OFFICIALS INDICATED PRIVATELY BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING THAT THE UNITED STATES VIEWS THE TRENDS IN IRANIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES AS "FAVORABLE" AND THAT ANY DIPLOMATIC OR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SHAH WERE VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION. HE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CUSTOMERS OF ADVANCED AMERICAN MILITARY HARDWARE.

7. THE SHAH WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN MR. VANCE SPOKE TODAY, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD A LENGTHY CONVERSATION YESTERDAY AND WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY AT A SOCIAL OCCASION.

8. ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY ONLY AN "OBSERVER," THE UNITED STATES IS A DE FACTO MEMBER OF CENTO, WHICH WAS FORMED IN THE 1950'S AND LINKS BRITAIN, IRAN, TURKEY AND PAKISTAN IN AN ALLIANCE AGAINST POSSIBLE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AND, LATELY, HAS PROMOTED ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA.

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9. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A "VIALE" AND VITAL SORT OF ALLIANCE, BUT MOST OF ITS MEMBERS SEEM RELUCTANT TO SEE IT DIE.

10. THUS, THEY MEET EACH YEAR AND EXCHANGE RELATIVELY CAUTIOUS SPEECHES. "THIS IS NOT A NEGOTIATING MEETING AND IT IS A MEETING WITHOUT ISSUES," SAID ONE DIPLOMAT. "IT IS SIMPLY A MEETING TO REAFFIRM AN ALLIANCE."

11. PAKISTAN, WHICH HAS ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF COMPLICITY IN A "CONSPIRACY" AGAINST ITS PRESIDENT, ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WHO HAS FACED CIVIL UNREST SINCE A RECENT ELECTION THAT HIS OPPONENTS SAID WAS "RIGGED," DID NOT SEND ITS FOREIGN MINISTER TO THIS MEETING. INSTEAD ITS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN MERELY WALKED TO THE MICROPHONE AT THE SPEAKERS PODIUM, THANKED THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS HOSPITALITY AND RESUMED HIS SEAT.

12. OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS SPOKE AT GREATER LENGTH
BEFORE ADJOURNING TO AN ANTEROOM WHERE WAITERS CIRCULATED

WITH TRAYS OF TEA IN CRYSTAL CUPS AND NEARLY INSOLUABLE
SUGAR LUMPS SERVED WITH SILVER TONGS.

13. BOTH DR. DAVID OWEN, THE NEW BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARY, AND MR. VANCE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON AFRICA.
THE AREA IS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO THE SHAH BECAUSE
THE LOADED TANKERS THAT LEAVE HIS OILFIELDS ON THE
PERSIAN GULF SAIL THE CAPE ROUTE AROUND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

14. BOTH MEN REITERATED THAT THEIR AIDES WERE WORKING
JOINTLY TO BRING MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA AND SOUTHWEST
AFRICA.

15. IN AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO SOVIET AND CUBAN
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MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH AREAS AS ANGOLA, MR. VANCE
SAID, "WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF FORCE BY EXTERNAL
POWERS TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN AFRICA." CHRISTOPHER

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